

ABM SPECIAL STUDY GROUP

Minutes of Meeting Held January 30, 1968
Central Intelligence Agency
Room 6E 0708, Langley
1430-1530 hours

25X1A	Chairman -		NIPE
	Attendance		
25X1A	Dr. William Wollenberg		OSD (SA)
	Mr. Clifford Cummings		DDR&E
25X1A			CIA
	Mr. Frank Perez		State Department
			DIA
			NSA
25X1A	Colonel Thomas Haig		SAFSS
			CIA
			NSA
			DIA
			NIPE

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1. [] handed out his second redraft of the BoB Terms of Reference. The paper was briefly discussed, but full discussion was deferred until the next meeting. However, the following sentence was added at the end of the redraft:

Periodic progress reports will be submitted
and the final completion date will be determined based on these reports.

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2. [] of DIA (S&T) who described the ABM study undertaken by DIA entitled "Soviet ABM Intelligence Production Needs and Collection Approaches (U)" and dated April, 1967.

3. It was noted that as well as the DIA study on ABM, a study by the DIA Scientific Advisory Committee and one by USIB (GMAIC and CCPC) exist. The ABM Special Study Group will attempt to incorporate more quantitative features into its study than heretofore accomplished by previous studies.

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4. Dr. Wollenberg asked what the objectives were of previous ABM studies. He extended this query to the present study. [] replied that the main thrust of the current effort should be towards furnishing quantified information to the people who must make decisions on collection resources against the ABM problem, relating these decisions directly to the need for information. Dr. Wollenberg said that past studies were weakened by being too collector oriented and not sufficiently taking consumer needs into account. Mr. Cummings noted that in general studies do the following things:

- a. Educate people
- b. Identify present resources
- c. Identify some new things that it might be good to try

5. Several of the potential problem areas in the present study were touched upon briefly. For example, the difficulty of allocating collector costs was pointed out as well as the problem of dealing with "mixed" collectors (i.e., collectors that collect against threats in addition to the ABM threat). It appears that the major effort in the early stages of the Group work should be to identify the information needs and their relationship to observables, leaving the collector-observable relationships till later.

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6. [] asked the SAFSS representative, Colonel Haig, to consider preparing a list of observables relating to his area and to the ABM problem. He requested that the rough charts be ready at the next meeting which is currently scheduled for 9 February, 1968.

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Executive Secretary

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